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K-State offers large number of student religious groups



Evert Nelson | Collegian

Students listen to a band and worship during a service at K-State Wesleyan Methodist Church on Tuesday night at a meeting of the United Methodist Campus Ministry, just one of more than 30 religious student groups on campus.

Jeana Lawrence
staff writer

College students are often challenged to experience new things and to question everything they previously thought or believed. This can sometimes come as a culture shock to students, who may begin questioning their religious faith.

"College is a time when you make a lot of big decisions," said Jen Johnson, campus staff member for Student Mobilization.

At K-State, there are many services and programs on campus both for students who are looking to examine their faith and for those who are confident in their beliefs.

"There are a lot of great campus ministries," Johnson said. "College is a great place to explore your faith and see all that's available."

Currently, K-State lists 31 student religious groups in its campus directory, ranging in size and affiliation, though most are Christian groups. One of the largest groups is Christian Challenge.

"I think one of the big reasons people come around here is to be known, to be loved and experience a sense of community," said Dave Gevock, associate director of Christian Challenge. "There's a lot of students who have a spiritual hunger to have their faith challenged and grow."

Christian Challenge started as the Baptist Student Union in 1972 because it is affiliated with the Baptist church. However, the name changed so that students of all denominations could join. The group as it is known today has been at K-State since 1995.

Each campus ministry group can provide students with a different experience. This helps create an atmosphere where as many students as possible can explore and find the right organization for them.

"I tried a few other ministries when I came to college," said Sydney Brown, junior in elementary education. "I tried Navigators and Ichus. But I just felt at home [at Christian Challenge], even

though it was so big. I feel that everyone made you feel welcomed."

Christian Challenge meets every Thursday. Students gather to hear a worship band and a message for the evening. Typically, the hall is packed on Thursday nights.

In order to satisfy the need for small groups, several students have become "life leaders." These leaders can meet with smaller groups of people to answer questions and discuss faith.

"I have a roommate whose sister is a life leader," said Zach Zambrano, freshman in animal sciences and industry. "I've just come to know them so well. If I need a prayer for something, they're always often willing to talk to people."

Student Mobilization, commonly known as StuMo, is one of the largest campus ministry groups. The group has been at K-State for seven years, and meets in the Union Ballroom every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. At meetings, like Chris-

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President Obama focuses on economy in address



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President Barack Obama delivers the State of the Union on Tuesday.

Andy Rao
editor-in-chief

President Barack Obama addressed the nation in his annual State of the Union Address on Tuesday night in Washington, D.C.

As expected, Obama focused much of his time on one of the most pressing issues the nation faces today: the state of the economy.

"Our economy is adding jobs," Obama said. "But too many people still can't find full-time employment."

According to the president, since his first term began in 2008, Congress has been able to cut the national deficit by \$2.5 trillion, a feat that he recognized as temporary success.

"Both parties have worked together to reduce the deficit — mostly through spending cuts, but also by raising tax rates on the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans," he said.

However, Obama indicat-

ed that Americans should not be satisfied with this progress alone, saying that true economic growth comes from not only controlling expenditures, but also from an increase in production.

"Let's set party interests aside and work to pass a budget that replaces reckless cuts with smart savings and wise investments in our future," Obama said. "And let's do it without the brinkmanship that stresses consumers and scares off investors."

Whether or not Congress and the Obama administration can continue to reign in spending while encouraging economic growth remains to be seen.

"The American people expect us to put the nation's interests before party," Obama said. "They do expect us to forge reasonable compromise where we can, for they know that America moves forward only when we do so together and that the responsibility of improving this union remains the task of us all."

Engineering Career Fair grows into 2-day event

Alex Bishop
contributing writer

Hundreds of students attended the Engineering Career Fair Tuesday on the second floor of the K-State Student Union, in search of internship and full-time employment opportunities from the 101 companies with booths set up on the floor. The annual

Tyler Krizek, junior in mechanical engineering, said he used this opportunity to get some experience in the field.

"I'm looking for a summer internship between my junior and senior year to get some actual hands-on experience and to get my name out there," Krizek said.

When students first arrived on Tuesday, they were given a name



Parker Robb | Collegian

Anirudh Jagithyala, graduate student in computer science, discusses internship and job opportunities with Eric Riley, a recruiter for Cerner Corporation, at the Engineering Career Fair on Tuesday afternoon at the K-State Student Union. 101 companies out of a record total of 146 were present on Tuesday, a growth of about 20 over last year's number.

fair, which will continue today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., is the second-largest offered at K-State, behind the All-University Career Fair.

Students could be found pacing the halls around the fair, going over their resumes and preparing to talk with company representatives.

tag and booklet with information on specific company's location on the floor. The booklet also contained information on the opportunities available with each company and the specific majors they were looking for. Students then browsed the booths, collected

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'Shrek' comes to life onstage in McCain



Evert Nelson | Collegian

A young Shrek is sent away from his home by his parents as the adult Shrek narrates off to the side on Tuesday night, when the popular movie "Shrek" hit the stage in McCain Auditorium before a large audience in a live production of "Shrek the Musical."

John Zetmeier
staff writer

It is the classic tale of a knight in shining armor who rescues his princess and lives happily ever after. Tuesday night in McCain Auditorium, in front of a sold-out crowd, the cast of "Shrek the Musical" performed their rendition of the popular DreamWorks film "Shrek." "Shrek the Musical" is the latest show in the McCain Performance Series.

"It's a dream come true. It sounds cheesy, but when you work so hard to have this as a career, it's nice to be able to travel the world doing what you love to do," said actress Megan Elyse Fulmer on being part of the traveling cast. "I'm the female swing role, which means I have to learn every single female ensemble role and be ready to go on whenever."

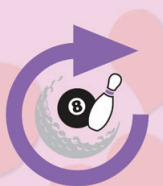
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ARREST REPORTS

Monday, Feb. 11

Michelle Leigh Ann Powers

of Wanego, was booked for three counts of forgery. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Devoris Antoine Newson

homeless, was booked for issue of governor’s warrant of arrest. No bond was listed.

James John Young

of Kansas City, Mo., was booked for failure to appear. No bond was set.

Timothy Lowell Suderman

of the 2400 block of Strawberry Circle, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Nathan Max Linin

of the 3000 block of Sandstone Drive, was booked for four counts of theft. Bond was set at \$1,500.

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See [kstatecollegian.com](#) for the complete arrest report.

THE FOURUM

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The Fourum is a quirky view of campus life in voices from the K-State community. Positive and humorous comments are selected for publication by the Collegian marketing staff.

How many KU freshmen does it take to screw in a lightbulb? Zero, that’s a sophomore-level class.

My iPod just went from Beethoven to ‘N Sync to Nelly. I think my music choice is a problem.

Didn’t have class today, but I just drove to campus to get a Collegian to check and see if I made it in the Fourum. I did.

Rand Paul 2016!

I don’t text back, it is too mainstream.

Happens every year. We think we’re the shizzle going into the KU game. Then we just don’t show up.

Let me get this straight, it’s mid-February, K-State football already has its Big 12 Football Championship Trophy for this year, men’s basketball is in first place in the conference....What does this mean to the rest of the Big 12? FEAR THE 150-YEAR-OLD. Happy birthday K-State!!!

MEGA-THRUST...earthquakes.

The questions in the paper should be asked to random students, not the newspaper staff.

The bigger the government, the less the liberty. It’s an inverse correlation, bureaucratic control or economic liberty. Pick one.

Kevin Young is my favorite KU player.

The combination of EMAW playing their worst and KU playing their best is getting old. The addition of biased refs in Lawrence doesn’t help at all.

Having a test after a K-State/KU game is an automatic C or worse.

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Logan’s Run | By Aaron Logan

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THEN AGAIN, AT LEAST HE’S NEVER SHOT ANYONE IN THE FACE ON A HUNTING TRIP...

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Niedermayerova making K-State tennis history

John Zetmeir
staff writer

Tennis can be a tricky sport. Players sometimes play both singles and doubles, which contributes to their overall record. Sometimes a player can win both their singles and doubles matches, but the team can still lose overall.

For K-State junior Petra Niedermayerova, singles victories and records do not mean much to her, even though she has been hearing a lot of buzz about herself recently. After her most recent win on Saturday, Niedermayerova is now fifth in all-time in singles wins at K-State.

"I don't really pay too much attention to it. When I read something about records and stuff, obviously it's good to hear it and it makes you feel good for awhile, but it isn't too important. It just matters much more how I play today, not if I broke a record," Niedermayerova said.

The junior from Brno, Czech Republic, is currently ranked No. 15 in the country in women's singles and plays in the No. 1 singles spot at K-State, giving her the opportunity to always play the opposing team's top player.

"It's always challenging to play someone who is ranked even anywhere on the rankings, because the girls are just so good," Niedermayerova said. "I love the challenge, I enjoy to compete and obviously if I win, it's a great feeling."

K-State coach Steve Bietau is in his 29th season as head tennis coach. He said he has seen Niedermayerova improve in all aspects of the game since she has been at K-State.

"She's gotten in better shape, stronger, faster. She was pretty

tough mentally when she started. Her game has changed pretty dramatically," Bietau said. "She takes the ball a lot earlier now, she serves more offensively, her forehand is bigger and more of a threat. She's always had a great backhand. She's developed into a great doubles player. But mentally her game was pretty good when she got here."

No matter the age, the best athletes on a team are often some of the best leaders on the team, and Bietau has seen this from Niedermayerova since she started playing at K-State.

"She is one of the best players in college tennis and she is on the court with [her teammates] every day in practice. Over the course of those three years she learned to be a better doubles player, but whoever we put with her in doubles normally played better too," Bietau said. "I think that's a really good example of the effect that she can have on the rest of the team."

Niedermayerova holds a season record of 17-5 and a career record of 65-28, which leaves her two wins shy of a tie for fourth on K-State's all-time list. She needs 14 wins to tie for first and 15 wins to hold the all-time school record.

As well as being the all-time record holder, she can also become the first player in school history to win 20-plus matches in all four seasons, but for her, it is all about the team right now.

"Right now the team season is starting, and so we have some matches out of the [Big 12], but then we will come to the [Big 12] and I think that those are the most important ones," Niedermayerova said. "Generally I just want to win as many matches as a team as we can possibly do and play our best."



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Junior tennis player **Petra Niedermayerova** squares up for a backhand on Saturday at Body First Fitness Center. Niedermayerova, who is ranked No. 17 among Division I singles players, is racking up a record number of wins but says her daily performance is more important.

K-State to host rematch against Texas



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

KU forward **Chelsea Gardner** blocks K-State freshman guard **Bri Craig**'s shot during the Sunflower Showdown at Bramlage Coliseum on Feb. 2. Tonight the Wildcats, who have only two players over 6 feet tall, will face a Texas team boasting 6-foot-7 Imani McGee-Stafford.

ple-doubles against the injury-depleted Wildcats in the last meeting, with Enemkpali pouring in 20 points and 16 rebounds and McGee-Stafford chipping in with 18 points and 11 boards of her own.

Senior guard Brittany Chambers, who is coming off a season-high 34 points in a loss at Iowa State on Saturday, led K-State against Texas in the teams' first matchup with just 15 points. She shot only 4-of-17 from the field and 3-of-10 from 3-point range, and the Longhorns ran away with a 19-point victory.

Two-minute drill

NFL

According to testimony under oath from Vince Young's former financial adviser, the former NFL quarterback obtained a high-interest, seven-figure loan during the 2011 lockout for a \$300,000 birthday party that Young threw himself.

According to Ronnie Peoples, president and CEO of Peoples Financial Service Inc., Young requested the loan despite the fact that he was already in a tough financial situation.

Young's attorney Trey Dolezal, responded on Tuesday afternoon saying that neither he nor his client have any idea what Peoples is taking

about and that the statements are untrue.

NBA

Despite making progress on his torn ACL, Chicago Bulls superstar point guard Derrick Rose said that he is still "far away" from making his comeback.

"I don't have a set date," Rose told USA Today on Monday. "I'm not coming back until I'm 110 percent. Who knows when that can be? It can be within a couple of weeks. It could be next year. It could be any day. It could be any time. It's just that I'm not coming back until I'm ready."

Currently, the Bulls are

30-21 on the season, good enough for the fourth-seed in the Eastern Conference.

NCAAB

Eager for a boost to their team, the Texas Longhorns (10-13, 2-8 Big 12 Conference) will welcome back their strongest player, sophomore point guard Myck Kabongo, after a 23-game suspension. Last season, Kabongo averaged 9.6 points and 5.2 assists, and provided the Longhorns with a true point guard capable of setting up the offense.

The Longhorns and Kabongo are on the road to Ames, Iowa, tonight as they take on the Iowa State Cyclones.

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Nicholas Wahl
staff writer

After losing four consecutive games, the K-State women's basketball team plays host tonight to the Texas Longhorns, who started the Wildcats' skid with a 59-40 win on Jan. 26.

Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum. Both the Wildcats (12-11, 3-8 Big 12 Conference) and Longhorns (9-13, 2-9), mired at eighth and ninth place in the Big 12 standings, are clinging to the possibility of a postseason appearance.

The Wildcats were hampered by poor shooting and

a lack of inside presence in the last meeting with the Longhorns. K-State shot just 24 percent from the field in Austin and made just eight of 35 3-point attempts. The Longhorns also doubled them up on the boards, holding a 45-20 rebounding advantage in the ballgame.

The undersized Wildcats have had trouble with bigger teams all season, and they will face another powerful duo in the Longhorns' 6-foot-1-inch sophomore forward Nneka Enemkpali and towering 6-foot-7-inch freshman center Imani McGee-Stafford.

Both women had dou-

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Priest finds warm reception among college crowd

Zaldy Doyungan
staff writer

After the Rev. Keith Weber spent 15 years serving as the priest at St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center, the church community saw a different face at the altar — the Rev. Jarett Konrade. Konrade became the priest at St. Isidore's last September, and for the last several months, he has been adjusting the challenges and opportunities the new position has provided.

"I was a bit nervous," said Konrade, who is originally from Abilene. "Everyone loved Father Keith, so I didn't know how they would react to my preaching."

After high school, Konrade was offered scholarships in baseball, football and choir at Sterling College, which he attended for a year. That is also where Konrade experienced his first call to priesthood.

"During that year, my girlfriend invited me to a retreat," Konrade said. "It was at that retreat where I experienced real prayer and explored my relationship with God."

Konrade said he made a deal with God at the end of the retreat.

"I told God that he had to hit me over the head, because I was in this great relationship with this great girl," Konrade said. "My girlfriend then called me up a week later and dumped me."

Konrade eventually transferred to Newman University and later Benedictine College. After going to many seminary colleges, Konrade became the associate priest at the St. Mary's Parish in Salina, as well as the chaplain at a junior-senior high school. Last year, he became a priest in Wilson, Kan., before moving to his current position at St. Isidore's.

With a new church comes new challenges.

"The average age here is a little different," Konrade said. "There tends to be more college students here, which I like because I tend to be more informal in my preaching and using humor and what not."

After a couple of months at St. Isidore's, students say they enjoy his homilies and sense of humor.

"He's really good," said Dani Spafford, sophomore in animal science. "I like his jokes and he's pretty down to earth as well."

Cody Yost, junior in mechanical engineering and regular guitarist for the St. Isidore's choir, had experience with Konrade before this year and said he enjoys his services at St. Isidore's.

"I knew Father Jarett previously. He was the priest at the Church in Salina," Yost said. "He always cracks jokes and the kids love it."

Konrade has adapted to the busy lifestyle that comes with a large and active congregation and community. His duties include administering a full-time and part-time staff, taking care of the facility, having daily appointments with students and, of course, leading the daily and weekend masses.

"It's busier and crazier than I



Evert Nelson | Collegian

The Rev. Jarett Konrade stands in front of the chapel of St. Isidore's Catholic Student Center on Tuesday afternoon. Konrade took over the position last September after the Rev. Keith Weber, who headed the congregation from July 1997 to September 2012, was transferred to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Salina.

have anticipated," Konrade said. "My voicemail light hasn't stop blinking. It's been a little bit overwhelming, but it's a great experi-

ence."

Despite his busy schedule and a change in lifestyle, Konrade said he has enjoyed his time at K-State

and Manhattan.

"People have been extremely welcoming and have complimented me," Konrade said.

"I've been real pleased with the welcome I have received from the wider community and St. Isidore's."

GROUPS | More than 30 organizations offer support to Christians, atheists, more

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tian Challenge, the group has a worship band play, then has a message.

"I think a lot of students like that it's non-threatening here," Johnson said. "Students build relationships here."

Some students begin to search for their spiritual home right away when coming to college, and campus ministry groups, including StuMo, can help students do that.

"I really haven't tried other

groups. I just got so involved here," said Haley Wiechman, sophomore in marketing. "We have freshman Bible studies and upperclassman Bible studies. Right now, my Bible study is going over 1st Peter."

While some campus ministries are designed to help students worship and grow in their faith, other students are looking for guidance in finding their religion. As college students gain independence, they also gain the opportunity to question their own religion

and their choices for following certain religions.

Blair Diel, senior in social work, is one such example. Diel said she was never very religious in high school. After coming to StuMo and participating in their winter conference, Diel decided to commit her life to God.

"I never really questioned whether God was real or not," Diel said. "I think that it's the culture and that the Bible is so easy to obtain. I've looked at what other religions study

and believe and have found that God is true."

K-State religious organizations expand beyond Christian organizations. Individuals for Freethought is an organization that encourages individuals to talk about topics that would not be normally acceptable to talk about in a religious setting.

"We try to provide a place for atheists, agnostics, non-religious or even religious to talk about controversial things, so they won't feel like they're in

the minority for once," said Daniel Rymph, senior in computer science and president of IF.

For people who have questions about their current religion or who are looking for non-denominational guidance, IF aims to provide assistance and support.

"This can also be a community to those who have lost their religion," Rymph said. "It can be jarring to lose that sense of community, so we're looking to replace that feeling.

We're here to say, 'You're not the only one who thinks that.'"

Individuals for Freethought meets every week to talk about various topics, ranging from current events to other controversial topics chosen by the members.

Whether students have strong beliefs or not, K-State has a wide variety of resources for students who seek religious or spiritual aid. K-State's directory of campus religious groups is available at k-state.edu/directories/relig.html.

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K-State finance website gains 700 users in 2 weeks

Andy Rao
editor-in-chief

At the beginning of February, Powercat Financial Counseling set out to recruit 2,000 users for a new financial management platform that would provide students with free access to an array of online tools to manage their money.

SALTmoney.com, a website dedicated to helping college students keep track of loan payments, secure jobs and internships, read about current financial news and more, first debuted on the K-State campus on Jan. 25 at the Winter Expo and Activities Carnival, where PFC set up a booth to attract potential users.

As of Tuesday afternoon, PFC had officially helped 700 students create and start exploring their new SALT accounts, Kaus said.

"We will soon be at the halfway point to reaching our goal," said Jodi Kaus, director of PFC. "We have been pushing students to get involved with SALT, and I really think that we can get to our goal of 2,000 new users by the end of the month."

Students who have signed up to use the personal financial management tool have reported positive reviews of the website.

"I really like the fact that you can customize your account to your own personal loans and link it to what you specifically have to pay," said Adam Fox, junior in journalism and mass communications.

Fox said various other features also make SALT an attractive opportunity for students looking to get their financial situation in order, such as the job and internship search system.

Fox said that the website would also be useful to those who have already graduated.

"There's a section called 'fit your lifestyle into your budget' which lets you pick certain scenarios for how much you would be earning, your tuition repayment and where you live to see how much money you need to live comfortably," Fox said. "It's resources like these that make me think that SALT would definitely be useful even after I'm done with school."

In order to continue encouraging students to use the free online resource, PFC will set up a booth every Wednesday in February, including today, on the second floor of the K-State Student Union in front of the food court.

They will also have a booth set up in Bramlage Coliseum before the Feb. 25 men's basketball game against Texas Tech University. PFC will be giving away prizes for those who sign up for a SALT account, including a basketball signed by men's basketball head coach Bruce Weber.

Business beats: Facebook, Twitter to provide shopping options to users

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Social Media companies moving toward commercial options

Facebook and Twitter users will soon have yet another power at their disposal when they log on: the power to purchase.

According to a CNET report published Tuesday, both social media giants are moving toward providing more economical options. Twitter announced Tuesday that a partnership with American Express has been formed, allowing users to purchase items by "hash-tagging" them.

American Express customers can now sync their credit cards with their Twitter account, and with a tweet such as "#BuyAmazonKindleFire" they can purchase items.

Facebook is also merging social media with business by incorporating a "Buy Tickets" button for event pages. The "Buy Tickets" button will send users to a third-party site where they can purchase tickets for events such as concerts and movies.

Twitter has not yet released a statement regarding whether or not more credit cards will be added. Facebook may develop its new button into a full ticket-purchasing platform.

S&P subsidiary McGraw-Hill protests lawsuit claims

McGraw-Hill Companies have responded concerning the lawsuit filed against their credit division, S&P. Last week, The U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit against S&P for fraudulent credit reports costing investors millions. McGraw-Hill says the suit's claims are "erroneous."

"Rest assured, we will vigorously defend against these erroneous claims," CEO Harold McGraw III said, according to an article published Tuesday by USA Today. McGraw also stated that the Justice Department's accusations were "entirely without

factual or legal merit."

S&P is still the process of reviewing and responding to the claims as a whole.

Federal spending on roads construction, repair to increase

Roads, bridges and public transportation has used \$73 billion of the Department of Transportation's funding as of 2012. President Obama has proposed an increase of up to \$50 billion for road improvement and is set to ask for more.

The Department of Transportation has had a steadily increasing budget since 2003, but the supply

of money has not yet supported the infrastructure demands. America's worsening infrastructure will soon cost the nation \$1 trillion per year in lost jobs and business sales, according to a CNN article published Tuesday.

Opponents of the increase in funding cite the Federal Highway Administration's report that good, high-quality roads are increasing in number each year. Roads and surface transportation will only get about half their projected \$1.7 trillion need for capital projects this year, unless requests from Obama for more money are granted.

SHREK | Audience appreciates stage rendition, technical effects

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"Shrek the Musical" is based on the first "Shrek" movie in the trilogy. The titular character is an ogre that one day discovers a group of people have moved onto his property. He then goes on a journey to get his land back. On the way, Shrek meets a talking donkey who becomes his best friend, and saves a princess who turns out to be the love of his life.

Fans who saw the film version said "Shrek the Musical" shared many similarities and paralleled the movie quite well. The lighting, costumes and multiple backdrops added to the cinematic effect.

"I enjoyed [Shrek], I like what they took from the movie and they also made it its own show," said Donald Green, Manhattan resident. "Technically, it was stunning. The orchestrations were good, too. I like the movie better, but it is still a good interpretation."

According to company tour manager and Topeka native Stacy Myers, the tour has 53 days left. Myers said the shows try to incorporate features of every town they perform in. In Tuesday night's show, actor Christian Mariner, who starred as Lord Farquaad, incorporated the names of K-State football celebrities like head football coach Bill Snyder and former star quarterback Collin Klein into his lines. Myers said growing up in the area made it easier to add in these local references in Manhattan.

"My brother went to [K-State] so I knew a lot of it. We have K-State fans in my family," Myers said.

"Shrek the Musical" has played across the nation and on Broadway, as well as a tour of Asia last year. Next up for the cast of Shrek is Ames, Iowa, where they will perform tonight.

FAIR | Employers stress prior preparation

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freebies and spoke with recruiters.

This year, according to Leah Adeniji, chair of the event and assistant director of Career and Employment Services, the fair has been extended to two days to give students more time to interact with companies. She said a total of 146 employers will attend the fair over the two-day period, a 17 percent increase from last year. The fair is funded by registration fees paid for by the visiting companies, many of whom will offer students next-day interviews.

Jean Morrow, human resources manager at Morrow Engineering, said she finds it a good sign when students come prepared.

"It's always nice to know the student has done a little homework and looked us up on the website," Morrow said.

Douglas Beebe, sophomore in mechanical engineering, said he hoped he was adequately prepared before entering the fair.

"I researched all the companies that I wanted to talk to, got some background information and brainstormed questions that would make me stand out," he said.

Adeniji offered some advice for students attending the event.

"I highly recommend that students dress professionally, bring their ID, copies of their resume, a portfolio and introduce themselves to employers," she said.

Engineering students received an email Monday informing them about the career fair and providing a link to a LiveBinder page on what to expect at the fair. Adeniji says she is marketing the LiveBinder tool, hoping that students will use it to help get ready for the fair on an annual basis. The LiveBinder link provided advice about proper attire, resume instruction and a step-by-step guide on how to be successful at the career fair.

Adeniji also believes that extending the fair to two days will give the students more time with the employers.

"By expanding the fair to two days, not only do students have more time to have meaningful conversations with employers, but they also have the opportunity to visit even more employers," she said.

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MAT 100 Beginning Algebra	3/9-5/11	Sat 9a-3:30p	Holton, Marysville, Wamego
PSY 101 General Psychology	3/9-5/4	Sat 9a-3:30p	Holton
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